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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2584-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Kenji MASUI, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1746
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Application No.: 10/607,976) Examiner: Kornakov, Michail
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Filed: June 30, 2003)
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For: SUBSTRATE CLEANING METHOD)
AND SUBSTRATE CLEANING)
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Restriction Requirement mailed January 27, 2005, with a period for response extending to February 28, 2005 (February 27th being a Sunday), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1-14) and Group II (claims 15-20).

During a telephone conversation with the Examiner, it was pointed out that claims 15-21 are pending in the application. The Examiner requested Applicants file a Response stating the correct claim numbers pending in the application, and a note that the Restriction Requirement is therefore improper. Applicants therefore submit that the Restriction Requirement is improper, and respectfully request a new Office Action from the Examiner.

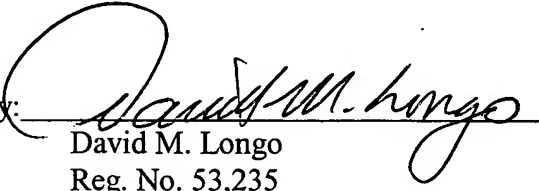
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 28, 2005

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